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## **ST. JOSEPH'S HERITAGE CELEBRATES 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

(Thunder Bay, ON, December 16, 2004) This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for St. Joseph's Heritage. Opened in 1979, the Heritage includes Bethammi Nursing Home, P.R. Cook Apartments, Frank Murphy Community Centre, and the Alzheimer Day Program located in The Manor House.

Dick O'Donnell, Chair, St. Joseph's Care Group, states "Over the past 25 years, St. Joseph's Heritage has become a part of the Thunder Bay community and many of us cannot remember a time when the "Heritage" was not a part of our lives."

St. Joseph's Heritage represents the visions and dreams of the founding Executive Director, Sister Leila Greco and the Board of St. Joseph's Hospital in the early 1970's. Their initiative and courage brought to fruition the facilities enjoyed and truly appreciated by all today – and fulfilled their dreams of a "place for all seasons".

A consistent theme forming the foundation of the Heritage over these past 25 years has been, and continues to be, the commitment, love and enthusiasm of all who are affiliated with the facility. The spirit of the Heritage lives in the heart of each resident, tenant, staff member and supporter.

Congratulations to St. Joseph's Heritage, the staff, tenants, and residents on reaching this milestone!

St. Joseph's Heritage is a part of St. Joseph's Care Group, which also includes St. Joseph's Hospital, Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital, Sister Margaret Smith Centre, Hogarth Riverview Manor, Behavioural Sciences Centre, Diabetes Health Thunder Bay and the Balmoral Centre.

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